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**MR. PUBLISHER**  
**Want a Bargain?**  
I have 175 pounds of this 9 point type (the type which this paper is set with) I will sell for 25 cents per lb. Plenty of figures and sorts. My reason for selling so cheap is that I have a "new dress" lying idle in the office that I do not care to open while this is in the office for fear of mixing them. A snap.  
The Kicker, Benton, Mo.

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**AROUND BENTON.**  
Dr. James E. Folsom, of Sikeston, spent several days in Benton this week, the guest of Dr. J. S. Fawcett. The doctor has been in the practice of medicine at Sikeston for 20 years. While here he decided to renew his acquaintance with the Kicker editor. He returned home Thursday. Dr. Fawcett, of Sikeston, also spent the night with Dr. Fawcett. Wednesday.  
John P. Westrich, formerly the wagonmaker at New Hamburg, was found dead near Benton Wednesday morning. His body was found near the railroad track in a pool of blood, and it is supposed that he was struck by a train the night before.  
Sam Wray, of Wray's Landing, ventured into Benton Monday and to make sure that he would be permitted to remain, he brought the editor a nice mess of fish. Did it some more, Sam.  
Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, and Green B. Greer, Republican nominee for representative of Scott county, will address the people at Kelso Friday, October 26, at 1:30, and at Oran at 7:30.  
Mrs. W. S. Carleton, of Caruthersville, mother of the young man who was killed at Illinois last spring, was in attendance at court this week.  
Congressman Tyndall and T. J. Brown spoke at Commerce and Illinois Wednesday and at Edna Thursday evening.  
Mrs. B. M. Tirmenstein and daughter Leona, returned Wednesday from a visit to Gordonville relatives.  
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Warner Wednesday.  
Attorney Oren Wilson came down from Cape Wednesday.

**FROM MEMULIN.**  
Miss Amy Finley joined a number of friends in a nutting expedition on Little river Saturday.  
Misses Amelia Hinkle and Delana Lee visited the Misses Hutchinson Saturday and Sunday.  
Chas. Hutchinson and family, with a number of friends, spent Saturday on Little river nutting.  
Rev. Wilber preached two interesting sermons Sunday to large and attentive audiences.  
Mrs. Comstock and children visited her mother, Mrs. Grogon, Saturday and Sunday.  
J. P. Roney, Celestine Finley and George Clifford are attending court this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Grant entertained a number of friends at supper Sunday evening.  
Luther Finley visited friends (?) and relatives (?) at Oran Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Joyer visited R. M. Finley at Benton last week.  
Corn is being shelled and hauled to McMullen this week.

**FROM ORAN.**  
I have a Republican friend and a striker for his party, that—although he is not blessed with much of this world's goods—just before every election, when his party raises the cry of prosperity, he too falls into line and gives vent to his pent up feelings. Meeting him the other day when he was in one of his happy moods and prosperity was his theme, I said: "Jim, are you really prosperous, really happy?" "Oh yes," said he, "things are coming our way." "Well, Jim," said I, "we have all we possess in this world plastered over with one mortgage, let's put on the second and be happier still—have more prosperity." He reminds me of a very poor, but honest family, that once lived near Benton. The

head of the family went to town got a little too much liquor and imagined he had all kinds of money. On his return home the wife was much downcast until he told of the great wealth that had come to him. He was a good man, and generally truthful, and his wife could not understand their sudden riches, but when he reassured her that it was a reality she pleaded, "John, go back and drink some more."  
When a man has spent the prime of his life on the farm, actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, and who, after many years of toil, has accumulated a competency to keep him and his in their old age, he is apt to conclude that he is no longer able to perform labor on the farm, and that he can leave it and the cares thereof to those younger and more able to perform the labor, while he will move to the nearby village, where he can spend his declining years free from all care and enjoy the goods of this world, with which he has been blessed. But all are not so constituted that they can enjoy their fondlest anticipations. We have in this town one man, reared on the farm, spent the prime of his life on the farm, was a model farmer, that cannot acquiesce himself with the surroundings and longs to return to the old farm.  
From what I can gather, George Metz is having more trouble than usual in getting the requisite number of signatures to his saloon petition to obtain a license. Many parties that have heretofore endorsed the petition are now standing aloof. Why so many are now refusing their signatures I am not advised. Certainly it is that there was no concerted action on the part of the opposition to the granting of the license, except by the W. C. T. U. Had they and those outside of that organization moved in concert the measure could easily have been defeated. But in this matter every taxpayer acted from his own impulses—from the dictates of his own conscience. There is not or should not be any compulsion either for or against it. This is not a matter of mine, unless simply the withholding of my name from the petition be so construed.

Friday afternoon J. J. Russell, Democratic candidate for congress, was with us and spoke at the opera house that night. In the afternoon he was invited to lecture the pupils of the public school, which he did eloquently. Owing to a misunderstanding as to when he would speak here, the lack of announcement by either poster or press, the audience at the evening meeting was not as large as it should have been. His talk was entertaining and well received.  
As a fruit raiser, Charles St. Onis is entitled to the blue ribbon. Friday we were shown an apple grown on his farm. It was a fine specimen, and it was said that some of the fruiting of the apple was of the best. The fruit was of a deep red color and very sweet. Mr. St. Onis says he has still on the farm 250 bushels of hard picked apples of this variety.  
The fact that the church going people of this place are pleased with the minister now in charge, is evidenced by the large congregations that attend church every Sunday, the readiness with which the contributions are being made in support of the minister and the new life and vigor that has been breathed into every detail of the church work.

Mr. A. J. Williams, a prominent farmer of Sikeston, was in town Saturday. Mr. Williams is of the opinion that the damage to farm products by the recent rains is much greater than was at first supposed. He says that at least one-fourth of the corn crop on the swamp lands will be lost, and fully one-half of the pea crop.  
The candidates and their strikers were with us last week. Early Wednesday morning Lieut. Gov. McKinley, G. B. Greer, Jas. Finch and R. M. Tirmenstein drove over from Benton. Mr. McKinley took the morning train for Marble Hill, while the others remained until noon, spending the interval interviewing our citizens.  
Miss Maggie Vaughn, of this place, who is employed as primary teacher in the public school at Vanduser, left Sunday to begin work Monday. Miss Vaughn taught here for a short time during the illness of one of the teachers. She is capable and qualified. The school board was fortunate in securing her services.

The members of the Home Mission Society will meet at Mrs. J. W. Reader's on the afternoon of Halloween, October 31, to raise funds to furnish the parsonage. Every member is asked to earn a dollar in some manner and relate their experience in earning the dollar.  
Monday morning I was pleased to meet my old friend Willard B. Barlow, of St. Francis county. He and L. D. (Bart) Walker, of the same county, were on route to Benton on legal business.  
The regular lecture period, which occurs every two weeks at the public school came last Friday evening after recess. Several patrons were present and all seemed to enjoy themselves.  
Rev. Lee Massey, pastor of the M. E. church at Chaffee, but residing here, began a series of meetings Sunday and will continue the services throughout the week.  
Mrs. J. B. Stubblefield, who spent the summer months at Jacksonville, Ill., for the benefit of her health, returned last week, having fully regained her health.  
J. T. Githens, who for several months past has been troubled with rheumatism, will go to Hot Springs to try the healing effects of the waters there.  
Rev. J. M. England, former pastor of the M. E. church here, but now stationed at Blodgett, was visiting here Thursday.  
Mrs. P. E. Genoway, of Fredericktown, is visiting home folks this week—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McLean.  
Messadmes Wade and Norrid, of Benton, were in town Friday shopping.

**FROM BLODGETT.**  
Mrs. Arthur Pell left Friday for Farmington, to be present at the wedding of her sister, Miss Lois Haw, and Murray Tanner Tuesday morning. Arthur went up on the early train Tuesday. They returned Tuesday afternoon.  
L. Powell, of Hickman, Ky., has sold out in the old place, and arrived here Monday night to make this his home. He will reside in the old Congleton place, which he bought some weeks ago from Sparks & Stubbs.  
Jess Taylor, of Essex, was here a few hours Friday. Jess says he is not satisfied with the swamp country around Essex, and that he will move back here at once, where there is just as much money and a lot more health.  
W. H. Morris was in town with relatives Thursday and Friday. He also passed through here Tuesday on his way to California, where he will perhaps remain all winter.  
Miss Ernie Gehrig has bought a lot from Snibbs & Sparks. They will move a house on it at once, and as soon as done, it will be for rent.  
Will Reams and wife, of Oran, came down Sunday for a short visit among friends and relatives. They returned Tuesday.  
Scott Eskridge came down from Marble Hill Thursday afternoon to be with his mother a day or two.  
Dr. L. W. Hart, of Morchouse, was in town Tuesday in the interest of Mamie Rogers' estate.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Searbrough have a new boy at their home, who made his arrival Saturday.  
Madge Crafton came down from Oran Sunday, and will spend a few days with relatives here.  
Candidates Chas. Heuchen and Whit Dodge were in town electing Monday night.  
Miss Bertha Shell went to Charleston Friday, as usual, to be with home folks.  
Mr. Davis and Miss Jones, of East Prairie, visited Miss Audrey Moxley Sunday.  
Mrs. Halbeck and Mildred went to Poplar Bluff Saturday for a few days' visit.  
C. A. Leedy, of Cameron, was in town a few days during the past week.  
Miss Dodson visited in Morley several days during the past week.  
Mrs. J. J. Johnson visited relatives in Charleston Tuesday night.  
Dell Sweeney and wife left Tuesday for Advance for a short visit.  
Sheriff Guber and son, Robert, were in town a while Sunday.  
John Tuckman, of Sikeston, was a visitor here Sunday.  
Mrs. Jesse Adams was in Morley a few hours Sunday.  
Mrs. Busby, of Diehlstadt, visited in town Sunday.  
Miss Clara Richardson spent Tuesday at Oran.  
Assessor Buck was in town Monday.

**FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.**  
The dances given at Mr. Holmes' Wednesday night and at Mr. Schneider's Saturday night were well attended.  
Little Myrtle Kinkaid has been very ill, but is some better at this writing. We are glad to note.  
Miss Agnes Greenville, of Uniontown, Ky., is visiting Johnny Snider and family this week.  
Quite a lot of our people went to the bickory flats Sunday, but failed to get any nuts.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huffstutter called on Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Collins went to Charleston Thursday.  
Pea threshing has been in progress the past two weeks.  
Mrs. Wyatt Murchison is sick.

**FROM SAVANNAH.**  
Jess Chappel and family visited Mrs. Chappel's sister, Mrs. Tom Carroll, Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gage spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Will Mackley.  
Miss Fronia Trippler visited Mrs. Joe Hutchinson Sunday.  
Quite a crowd from here went nutting Sunday.  
Charlie Mackley is sick.

**FROM OWENSBY DISTRICT.**  
Tom Owensby and Glover Pollard took dinner with Newt Anderson Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson, of Graysboro, are here to help thresh peas.  
Bud Pate and Grandpa Maxwell visited John Maxwell at Benton Sunday.  
Miss Anna Pate and Ella Jones spent Sunday with Miss May Lewis.  
Mrs. Kate Vandye spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Bud Pate.  
Tom Worrell and wife spent Sunday with Omer Watson.  
Miss Cynthia Bomer spent Sunday with Nora Davenport.  
Willie Edmon, of Graysboro, visited here Saturday.  
Al Snowden is in Arkansas this week.

**FROM CROOKED CREEK.**  
After one week's illness with cancer of the stomach Mrs. M. J. Penn died at her home one mile north of Commerce, October 15, and was buried the following day in the Raspberry cemetery. She is survived by eight children and a host of relatives and friends.  
Mrs. Canzada Clymer has returned to her home after spending a week at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. M. J. Penn.  
Mrs. C. Rochell has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Charles Williams, at Birds Point.  
Miss Ada Reynolds spent Saturday night with the Misses Addie and Mary Sanders.  
Raymond Prince, of District No. 6, visited at the home of Oscar Reynolds Sunday.  
Arthur Penn and family, of Commerce, spent Sunday at the home of A. J. Penn.  
Messadmes O. S. Luckey and Renfro Clymer were at the Cape a few days last week.  
Mrs. Flora Muchler is visiting at Edna this week.  
Phil Gibbs and wife spent Sunday night here.

**FROM ROCK CHURCH.**  
Mr. Henry Schutte, the founder of Edna, died of consumption last Friday morning at his home in Edna, aged 33 years. His remains were interred at the Rock Church cemetery last Sunday at 2 p. m. He leaves a wife and baby, an angel mother, four sisters, four brothers and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his death. Mr. Schutte was a zealous member of the Lutheran church, and was an earnest and devoted Christian, both in his public and private life. May the Father of the widows and orphans comfort the bereaved family.  
Mr. Paul Gruppe, son of Rev. H. F. Gruppe, of Elk Creek, Neb., arrived here last Saturday to visit relatives and friends after an absence of seventeen years. Mr. Gruppe is a well known stockman of Southeast Nebraska.  
Miss Pauline Bohmhardt entertained a number of her friends last Sunday evening, in honor of her guests, Misses Anna and Lina and Messrs. Henry and August Schneider.  
Last Sunday morning while walking along the street in Illinois, Rudolph Hillemann was severely bitten in the leg by a vicious dog.  
Misses Lina and Anna Schneider and their brothers, Henry and August Schneider, of Runa, Ill., are visiting friends here.  
Mr. T. J. Eifert and Miss Ida Roth will be married at the Rock Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.  
Mr. James McPheeters attended Mr. Henry Schutte's funeral here last Sunday.  
Emil Roth went to Jackson last Sunday to see his best girl.

**FROM MACEDONIA.**  
There will be a box supper at Ed Garvey's Saturday night October 27. Proceeds go to the school. Everyone is invited to attend.  
Mr. Sharp, who got killed at Edna last Wednesday, was buried at the Spradlin cemetery Friday.  
A number from here attended the funeral of Mr. Schutte at Edna Sunday.  
Tom Rasberry, of Rockview, spent a few days here with his father.  
The box supper Saturday evening was not very largely attended.  
Miss Ada Reynolds, of Benton, spent Saturday and Sunday with Addie Sanders.

**FROM CROSS PLAINS.**  
Rev. Carlisle has been elected pastor of the Cross Plains General Baptist church. He is a good and influential man.  
Dr. Haw made several professional calls here Tuesday. He reports much sickness among children.  
Out of respect for church services, the box supper was postponed to Thanksgiving evening.  
N. J. Goddard had an operation performed on his little girl's arm. She is now improving.  
Mrs. Sarah King, of Cape Girardeau, visited her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Caraker, Sunday.  
Miss Stella Rapp and Mr. Caraker staidly attended church Sunday.  
Wm. Bray and Thos. Snowden have two very sick children.  
Rev. Waters preached a very impressive sermon Sunday.  
Jas. Smith has a very sick child.

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**FROM CROWDER.**  
The Honorable Mosley, McWilliams and Doherty addressed the Democrats of this place Monday evening. One of the speakers said that he could go from the Iowa state line to the Arkansas state line across the great state of Missouri and never take his foot off of mortgaged property. Now, I, for one, don't believe any such assertions, and if the honorable gentleman will come with me I will take him across some property that is not under mortgage.  
Quite a large delegation attended the T. B. H. convention at Kennett Friday and Saturday, when we also witnessed the marriage of Frank Whitmore and Miss Anna Miller.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bethel are the proud parents of a little daughter, who made her appearance October 17.  
Miss Florence Cooksey visited at Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore's Tuesday.  
Mrs. Mattie Uly went to Sikeston shopping Saturday.  
Jim Marshall, of Sikeston, had business here Tuesday.

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Mrs. Mande Howle returned Tuesday from a three week's visit to her mother and other relatives at Wickliff, Kentucky.  
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Mrs. H. J. Stone, of Brookfield, Ill., visited her brother, J. E. Congleton, and sister, Mrs. E. Daugherty, this week.  
W. J. Fort, son of Judge Fort of Dexter, visited his uncle, Dr. W. D. Tomlinson, this week.

**FROM VANDUSER.**  
Messrs. Utzage and Spann and Mrs. Ella Joyce were delegates from Vanduser court of the Tribe of Ben Hur convention at Kennett October 19 and 20.  
School opened Monday morning with Professor Arbaugh and Miss Maggie Vaughn as teachers and ninety-nine pupils enrolled.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bufkin left Wednesday for Princeton, Ind., after a two weeks' stay with D. A. Potter and family.  
Will Schlutz is taking a lay-off this week to take care of his brand new girl that arrived Saturday.  
Our new merchant is putting in goods this week in the Armstrong building.  
Will Lancaster, of Bloomfield, visited here a few days this week.  
The seats have been removed from the old school building.  
It is rumored that we are to have a new barber shop.  
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H. T. Mayes will leave for Dawson Springs Sunday.  
A sidewalk is being erected to the school building.  
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Mr. Vowels has moved to Mr. Townes' house.  
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**FROM WARD'S SWITCH.**  
Misses Dora Kirby, Maude and Susie Diamond and John York spent Sunday with Will Shultsberger.  
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Clint Buchanan returned Monday from an extended visit to Kentucky.  
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"On the part of the people who patronized me when I was a struggling ice cream merchant," explained the prominent statesman.—Chicago Tribune.

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"Miss Mabel," began Mr. Makinbrakes, with a perceptible tremor in his voice, "I lack words to tell you how completely your image fills my heart. From my boyhood I have always had a weakness for charming brunettes."  
"Call it a weakness, do you, sir?" exclaimed the young woman, rising to her feet and walking haughtily and indignantly from the room.—Chicago Tribune.

**Not Needed Now.**  
Her—Our engagement is broken off. All is at an end between us. I shall not marry you next week as I intended.  
Him—Is this final?  
Her—It is.  
Him—Have you a telephone in the house?  
Her—What do you want?  
Him—I want to call up my tailor and countermand the order for secret pockets in all my clothes.—Cleveland Leader.  
**Wouldn't Take His Own Medicine.**  
Hewitt—Don't you patronize that saloon any more?  
Jewett—No. I don't think they keep good stuff.  
Hewitt—What makes you feel that way?  
Jewett—The last time I went in I asked the bartender where the proprietor was, and he said he had gone out to get a drink.—Judge.

**Not Curious.**  
"Do you know what Husky said about you down at the club last night?"  
"No. I don't know, and I don't care."  
"Don't care to know what he said about you?"  
"No; what good would it do? he's twice as big as I am."—Houston Post.  
**She Could Fix It.**  
"I would kiss you," said the bashful young man as they stood in the light of the harvest moon, "but I'm afraid I might muss your hair."  
"Oh, don't let that worry you," hastened the pretty girl. "I will just tell them I have been automobile riding."—Chicago Daily News.

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Teacher—Suppose your father gave your mother \$20, and then took \$5 back again. What would that make?  
Tommy—All kinds o' trouble.—Philadelphia Ledger.